

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-23 (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A combined trouser press and ironing board assembly, comprising:

a heatable pad housed in a body;

a pressure plate, a surface of which is clampable against the heatable pad in a first position to sandwich a garment to be pressed therebetween, one end of the pressure plate being pivotally attached to the body to allow said plate to pivot about said one end towards and away from the heatable pad into a second position for ironing in which the pressure plate extends laterally outwardly relative to the heatable pad and the surface of the pressure plate, which was facing the heatable pad in said first position, now defines a surface on which a garment is placed for ironing;

a slide member disposed at said one end of the pressure plate; and

guide means in the body adjacent to the heatable pad, the slide member and guide means co-operating such that the slide member slides along the guide means when the pressure plate is moved relative to the heatable pad between said first and second positions.

25. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the assembly includes a body housing the heatable pad and the pressure plate, wherein one end of said pressure plate is pivotally attached to the body whereby said plate can pivot about said one end towards and away from the heatable pad.

26. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 25, wherein the guide means are configured and adapted to allow said one end of the pressure plate to slide along opposite side edges of the heatable pad so that the pressure plate is movable into said second ironing position.

27. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 26, wherein said guide means comprises a slot along each side edge of the heatable pad.

28. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 27, further comprising a support leg extending between the pressure plate and the body to support the pressure plate in said second ironing position.

29. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 28, wherein one end of said support leg is pivotally attached to the body adjacent a base thereof, an opposite end of said support leg being slidably mounted in an underside of the pressure plate in such a manner for longitudinal sliding therealong.

30. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a secondary stay pivotally attached at one end to the support leg, intermediate the opposite ends thereof, the other end of the secondary stay having a foot thereon.

31. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 30, wherein said secondary stay is received in a recess in the support leg.

32. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 31, wherein a secondary linking member extends between the housing and the stay.

33. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 32, comprising a mechanism for assisting a user to move the pressure plate into the second position.

34. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to claim 33, wherein the mechanism includes a spring in the support leg having one end attached to the support leg and the other end attached to the pressure plate via a flexible cord, the spring being held in tension by the cord when the pressure plate is in its first position such that, as the pressure plate is moved into the second position, the tension in the spring gradually reduces and helps the user draw the pressure plate into said second position.

35. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 34, wherein the pressure plate is hollow and includes a plurality of apertures in a surface on which garments are to be ironed.

36. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 35, wherein the hollow pressure plate communicates with extractor means housed in the body, the extractor means being operable to draw steam generated during ironing from the hollow interior of the pressure plate.

37. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 36, wherein the extractor means comprises a fan connected by ducting to the hollow interior of the pressure plate when said plate is in its second ironing position.

38. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 37, including a base plate on which to place a sole plate of an iron in a stowed position, the base plate having holes formed therein through which steam generated by the iron is drawn into a duct when the fan is in operation.

39. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 38, including a valve member in the duct, the valve being movable between a first position in which steam is drawn only from the pressure plate into the duct by the fan and a second position in which the steam is drawn only from the iron through the base plate into the duct by the fan, the valve member moving into said second position when the iron is placed on the base plate.

40. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 39, wherein the extractor means includes a condenser unit to remove liquid from steam drawn into the duct by the fan.

41. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 40, further comprising a water reservoir housed within the body to collect condensate from the condenser unit.

42. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 41, further comprising a pressurized steam boiler housed within the body, said boiler being connected to a steam outlet to which at least one of a steam iron and a brush is connected.

43. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 42, wherein a duct connects the water reservoir with the boiler.

44. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to claim 43, wherein the pressure plate includes a pair of laterally extending retractable arms having clips at the ends thereof for gripping garments placed on the pressure plate.

45. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 44, wherein the body has a pair of wheels rotatably mounted thereon.

46. (Previously Presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 45, wherein a retractable power cable is housed in the body.